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Applicant: SAWAI et al. Conf.: 3707
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

October 1, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated July 1, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the above-identified application and stand ready for further action on the merits.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 102(b)

Claims 1-10 have been rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP-A-7179556 (JP '556), and have also been rejected under the same statute over JP-A-7271263 (JP '263).